chert found in the local churchyard, has gone astray in the post.

I would be most grateful if you could write to me at the above address, or even perhaps forward the flake for my inspection, so that I can let you know my opinion on its date and function. I will be away on leave from 15th to 29th August, but will attend to the matter promptly on my return.

Yours faithfully
James Barber
8/9/70

I later wrote

Dear Sir

My apologies for not writing in reply to your letter of 13th August about the flint found in Suffitt Churchyard before now. At the time of receipt I felt that there was no need for haste and would therefore wait until after your leave, and so with harvest and other problems the delay has been longer than I intended.

This was found by a monumental mason quite near the surface having dug through quite a heap of this material at the edge of a steep bank when making room for a kerbstone. Their thought at the time was that they had encountered a drain, and only when depositing the surplus material behind a bush and levelling over did he spot this, which he recognised as a worked flint, having seen other similar flints in a dig some years ago at Hembury Fort. My wonder is, as a warden here and quite interested in the past history of our Church and parish, would the site reveal anything further if investigated?

As it is in a bank too steep to have been used for burials this would not be difficult, but useless for me to do anything being completely ignorant of the subject.
Your opinion on, and advice, would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely
John Sage

The reply received.

38 Connaught Avenue
12th October 1970

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter of 8th September, and for sending with it the flake for my inspection. I am very sorry to be so long in acknowledging its safe arrival.

The flake is not in fact made of flint, but of a similar material known as chert. This particular type of chert is known to originate in and near Broom, in the Axe Valley on the border of Devon and Dorset: many ancient implements have been found there in the course of working pits for ballast. I rather suspect that your flake may have been brought to Luffitt in fairly recent times with a load of material from the ballast pits, and that excavation near where it was found, is accordingly unlikely to yield evidence for the early history of Luffitt itself.

The flake is of a type made in the Old Stone Age, and used as a general purpose knife and scraper. Its upper surface shows the scars left by the removal of other flakes from the original core, in the course of trimming it to the required shape. The flake itself was removed from the core by

a single well-aimed blow, and required no extra trimming round its edges to make it a worthwhile tool.

1994 Flake sent to conference at R.A. museum Later returned with note on cover of tin. 'FLAKE, PAL. & MESOLITHIC OR EVEN LATER 2000 BC PLUS.

It is not possible to estimate a date for the flake's manufacture with any accuracy: it belongs to a late phase in the Old Stone Age, just before the last onset of glaciation during the Ice Age, and was probably made over 30,000 years ago.

I am returning the flake herewith.

Yours sincerely
James Barber.

Stone

The Luppitt Stone

This stone used to be lying flat by the roadside on the pathway above the churchyard leading to it.

1951 Mr Harry Rowland (Died 1951) thought that the Tenor bell was unloaded on to it when brought from the foundry.

It could well have been about wagon height.

Rev H.T. Ellacombe dates this bell about c1550

It was dislodged during snow clearance operations after the blizzard of February

1978 1978 (see snapshot in Church Album) and placed on the opposite high hedgebank with tractor front shower bucket.

Mr Ralph Wright brought it back to the

1982 pathway on 24th April 1982.

It was erected on a concrete base near the car park entrance and fastened to a pipe embedded in the concrete by

1983 A Clatt, A Wright & J Sage on 18th March 1983.

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See also I 329

1974

Pastoral Re-organisation

Notice of the making of this Order in Council was published in the London Gazette on the 20th December 1974

At the Court at Buckingham Palace
The 18th Day of December 1974
Present. The Queen's most excellent Majesty in Council

Queen

Whereas the Church Commissioners have duly submitted for confirmation by Her Majesty in Council the Scheme which is set out in the Schedule to this Order:

1968

And whereas the provisions of the Pastoral Measure 1968 relating to the preparation and submission of the said Scheme have been duly complied with:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased hereby to confirm the said Scheme.

N.E. Leigh

Schedule
Pastoral Scheme

This scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this 28th day of November 1974 in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1968, the Right Reverend

Bishop

Eric, Bishop of Exeter, having consented thereto.

Union of Benefices

1 The Benefice of Upottery, the Benefice of Luppitt and the Benefice of Monkton in the Diocese of Exeter shall be united to create

a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Whatterry, Luffitt and Monkton" and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Whatterry, the parish of Luffitt, and the parish of Monkton, which parishes shall continue distinct.

Archdeaconry and rural deanery

2 The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the rural deanery of Honiton.

Place of residence

3. The parsonage house now being provided for the benefice of Whatterry shall, upon its completion, be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

Patronage

4 The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised in a recurring series of three successive turns of which the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Peter in Exeter shall have the first and third turns, and the Bishop of Exeter in his corporate capacity shall have the second turn.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5 This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of the making of any Order of Her Majesty in Council confirming this Scheme.

Queen

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See file.

Pastoral Reorganisation

Notice of the making of this Order in Council was published in the London Gazette on the
1983 24th May 1983

At the Court at Buckingham Palace
The 18th day of May 1983
Queen. Present. The Queen's most excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Church Commissioners have duly submitted for confirmation by Her Majesty in Council the Scheme which is set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas the provisions of the Pastoral
1968 Measure 1968 relating to the preparation and submission of the said Scheme have been duly complied with:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council is pleased hereby to confirm the said Scheme.

N.E. Leigh

Schedule

Pastoral Scheme

This Scheme is made by the Church
1983 Commissioners this 22nd day of April 1983 in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1968,
Bishop the Right Reverend Eric, Bishop of Exeter, having consented thereto.

Whereas:—

(1) A Pastoral Scheme (the 1979 Scheme) ——
not in full [Honiton Gittisham and Combe Raleigh, Awliscombe detailed]

not in full (2) The 1979 Scheme — Awliscombe vacant —
(3) Awliscombe not vacant —
Bishop (4) The Right Reverend Eric, Bishop of Exeter, has submitted proposals to the Church Commissioners for the dissolution of the Benefice of Upottery, Luppitt and Monkton in the said diocese and the redistribution of the constituent parishes thereof so as to affect, inter alia, the provisions of the 1979 Scheme.

Now, therefore, it is hereby provided as follows

Dissolution of Benefice

1 (1) The Benefice of Upottery, Luppitt and Monkton shall be dissolved

(2) The parsonage house of the Benefice of Upottery, Luppitt and Monkton, together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall be transferred to the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes

Creation of new benefice of Yarcombe Membury and Upottery.

Note This section does not concern us and is not detailed p. 2.3

Creation of new Benefice of Dunkeswell, Sheldon and Luppitt

4 (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Luppitt" shall be created in the Diocese of Exeter, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Luppitt

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the rural deanery of Honiton

Bishop (3) The patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Exeter in his corporate capacity.

Dunkeswell Abbey

5. (1) The Benefice of Dunkeswell with Dunkeswell Abbey and the Benefice of Sheldon in the diocese of Exeter and the new Benefice of Luppitt created pursuant to Clause 4 (1) hereof shall be united to create a new Benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Dunkeswell, Sheldon and Luppitt" and the area of the new Benefice shall comprise the parish of Dunkeswell with Dunkeswell Abbey (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Dunkeswell"), the parish of Sheldon, and the parish of Luppitt, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new Benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the rural deanery of Honiton.

Rev Wall

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Nicholas John Wall is incumbent of the Benefice of Dunkeswell with Dunkeswell Abbey he shall be the first incumbent of the new Benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the Benefice of Dunkeswell with Dunkeswell Abbey shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new Benefice.

(5) Subject to clause 5(3) hereof, the right of presentation to the new Benefice shall be exercised jointly by the Martyrs Memorial and Church of England Trust whose registered office is at Falcon Court,

32 Fleet St, London EC4Y 1DB and the Bishop of Exeter in his corporate capacity.

Bishop

Amendment of the 1979 Scheme

6 If upon the date when this Scheme comes into operation the 1979 Scheme has not taken effect:-

not in full [(1) The parish of Monkton ——

(2) The 1979 Scheme shall be amended as follows—

7 If upon the date when this Scheme comes into operation the 1979 Scheme has taken effect:-

(1) The parish of Monkton ——]

Coming into operation of this Scheme

8 This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of any Order of Her Majesty in Council confirming this Scheme.

25/9/83

Path. Churchyard Path. Car park to main path.

1983 On the evening of Sept 7th 1983 this path was prepared by laying quarry scalpings in the hollow midway up the slope and rolled.

On the next evening Sept 8th Mr R. Budge of Smeatharpe brought hot Bitmac direct from the quarry, and this was spread by voluntary labour and well rolled with a hired compression roller.

names. Helpers were Rev N. Wall Mr A Blagg Mr A J Crabb Mr H L Haynes Mr B and Paul Pulman Mr T Sage Self and Mr A Wright.

Estimates had been obtained from £385 to £525

Actual cost— Mr R Budge for 5.64 tonnes of Bitmac + £4 Labour + VAT. £130-41. Hire of roller £28-41 Total £158-82. Scalpings given by B. Pulman

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Paper Cent by Mr S C Ewins.

Oddle 1794 August 12

1794 Oddle tenement meadow garden and orchard on lease to Wm Burrough on 2 lives

		A	R	P
Sarah	35 years			
Margret Burrough	20 years	3	0	0
Do. on lease to Wm Burrough		2	2	
Do. Hannah		4	0	1
Do. James Burrough	22	4	2	
Ann Burrough	24			
		14	0	1

Husk ground £ s d 20 2 0
Yearly value 14.. 0.. 0

Tithe Great tythe of the Parish of Luppitt
value £150

House Garden and orchard and 2 inclosures of Land
Containing upwards of 8 A with the small tythes of the whole Parish
value £100

Whitehall Whitehall Farm and Sundry tenements
214 A .. 3 R .. 0 P

	Sminhays	42.. 2..
	Value £40	
Farms	Luppitt Mill	13.. 1
	Palmershays	20.. 1
	Gulleyhays	54
	Overday	56.. 3